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TOPIC Alt Loeanewitz Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Alt Loemerwitz airfield between 15 and 24 August 1952:

15 August. After 7 a.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15s. At 9 a.m., a plane towing an air sleeve flew over the area south of the field. Attacks on the air sleeve was practiced by a single plane while another plane covered the attacking craft. The plane with the air sleeve landed at 12:30 p.m. Another take-off was made at 1:30 p.m. At 6:40 p.m., four MiG-15s practiced air fighting at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. Air activity was discontinued at 7:30 p.m.

16 August. Between 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., there was air activity by MiG-15s. A total of 48 planes were counted crossing the field. At 12:05 p.m., a formation of six MiG-15s practiced flying.

17 August. There was no air activity.

10 August. No flights were made throughout the day. There was night flying between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m. A MIG-15 took off at 7:30 p.m. and landed at 7:38 p.m. Shortly before the landing, another plane took off and shortly before the landing of the second plane a third craft was observed taking off. This air activity continued until 11:30 p.m. One minute before each take-off and landing, a searchlight flashed up.

19 August. Between 2 and 6:30 p.m., there was air activity by MiG-15s.

20 and 21 August. No flights were made during continuous rain.

22 August. At 7 a.m., the doors of four hangars were open. Two sentries accompanied by dogs patrolled in front of one hangar. MiG-15 and Yak-11 aircraft were towed out of the hangars to the dispersal areas. The alert planes were parked at their parking site. Between 8:30 a.m. and noon, flying was practiced in elements of two. At 11:30 a.m., a twin-jet plane took off from the field. The plane flew slower than the MiG-15 and landed after circling over the field three times.

23 and 24 August. There was no air activity. It was raining. Only at 9 a.m. on 23 August, a biplane took off and headed south.

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2. On 22 August, the tent camp of the AA gun emplacement was still at its previous location. *
3. Between 25 August and 5 September, mostly night flying was practiced. Between 7 and 15 September, there was intensive air activity. Individual flying was practiced by Yak-11s and MiG-15s and formation flying by MiG-15s. ** After 7 September, work was accelerated on the fence around the field and on the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments. ***

- 25X1 * Comment. According to available information, an AA battery with six 37-mm AA guns is emplaced in the park southeast of Alt Loennowitz airfield.
- 25X1 ** Comment. The observation that mostly night flying was practiced indicates the progress of training of the fighter regiment at the field.
- 25X1 *** Comment. The construction of shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments was recently reported from most of the airfields in Eastern Germany.

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